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EMPTY BOTTLES, OF COURSE. St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The prospective spectators of the Columbia-Siam yacht race are already wondering what they can pick up on the course to throw at the umpire.



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FISH PRODUCTS OF UNITED STATES

Enormous Proportions of the Preserving Industry Shown.

FISH COMMISSIONS BULLETIN

From Maine to California Thousands Find Employment in Catching and Preparing Fish for Food

Experts of the United States Fish Commission have been making recently an elaborate study of the business of preserving fish products for food, and the have got together a lot of interesting facts, which will soon be published in the form of a bulletin, says the Washington Post.

Fishes, of course, cannot be transported over great distances to the place of marketing, and there slaughtered; nor will they remain for long periods in an edible condition, like the cereals and many vegetables. They are subject to quick decay after being taken from the water, and hence the preservation of them is a problem involving difficulties.

Although this country is famous for its marine and other fishery products, it appears that methods of preserving many of them are not so well understood here as abroad, and on this account some of our resources are not adequately developed. For example, though the herring is one of the most abundant fishes along the coasts of the United States, we import annually over \$2,000,000 worth of herrings. The most important industry depending upon open-air refrigeration is the freezing by natural cold of herrings on the Newfoundland and New Brunswick coasts for our own markets, the trade averaging 25,000,000 fishes a year.

On the other hand, refrigeration by artificial cold has enlarged and widened the general fishing trade so extensively that at present salmon fresh from the Columbia river, halibut from Alaskan waters, and oysters from Chesapeake bay and Long Island sound are sold throughout the United States and in foreign countries. Already the exportation of fish in a fresh condition from this country to Europe has become a business of importance, the shipments of salmon and steelhead trout amounting to several hundred tons yearly. This species of trout has been found remarkably well adapted for long distance transportation, having comparatively little oil, and one is on record where steelheads frozen solid and sent to England were placed on the market with such a just-out-of-the-water look that the dealer was arrested for having on sale fresh fish illegally caught.

It is to Hamburg that the greatest quantity of American fresh fish are shipped, and from that point they are distributed all over the European continent. At New York the cases of frozen fish products are transferred from the refrigerator cars, or from cold storage rooms on shore, to those on board the vessels, which are provided with admirable facilities for artificial freezing. Of course, these processes cannot be applied successfully to all kinds of fishery products. For example, shad are so very delicate that it does not do to freeze them, and oysters and clams will not stand a temperature below 35 degrees Fahrenheit. Catfish should never be frozen. Scallops and frogs' legs, on the other hand, are frozen hard in tin buckets and stored at 16 to 18 degrees.

In cold countries the freezing of fish in the open air in winter is the natural and doubtless one of the oldest methods of preservation. Before it became the fashion to use ice for the purpose, dealers used to take fish frozen by natural cold from Boston to New York 200 or 300 miles inland. Even at the present time, notwithstanding the advent of ice and quick transportation, immense quantities of smelts are frozen in Maine and the British provinces during December and January, and are shipped in boxes by rail to New York and Boston. This trade amounts to not far from 100,000 boxes annually, averaging 25 pounds of smelt each.

It must be acknowledged that fish kept non-fresh by freezing are by no means as good as the same fish just out of water. The eye dries up and loses its shining appearance after long exposure to cold, and the skin becomes hard and loose. True, the flesh is not less wholesome, but it loses flavor and firmness. Cost of cold storage and deterioration in quality make it inadvisable to "carry" frozen fish more than nine or ten months, but sometimes, owing to exigencies of the trade, they are kept over for two or three years. Oysters and clams cannot be held in first-rate condition for more than six weeks by such means.

country, however, cold-storage rooms usually depend for their low temperatures upon coils of pipes through which ammonia gas is permitted to flow, creating chill by its expansion.

When fish are preserved in cold storage, mold is apt to appear on them, and this is a serious trouble. The cause of it is not very well understood, but the necessity of fighting it is obvious, and the fish commission recommends spraying the scaly merchandise with a mild solution of that famous germ-killer, formaline, to destroy the fungus spores. In the dried-cod trade much loss has resulted from a tendency of the fish to turn red some time after they have been prepared by drying. This trouble is especially noticeable in the case of cod that have remained in the hold of a vessel for a long time. Apparently, the mischief is due to the salt used for curing, which is apt to contain red spores of minute fungus that contains red coloring matter. The fungus has been found on the floors and walls of some packing houses, and also in the holds of some fishing vessels.

The preparation of boneless codfish is considered the most important improvement in the handling of dried fish during the present century. For a long time the need was felt of some method of packing dried fish in neat parcels of small but definite weight, and the most notable invention in this line was by a Philadelphia, who patented a process by which the fish were divested of skin and bones, thoroughly ground, pressed to remove oil, heated to dryness, and finally put up in one-pound boxes. The result was somewhat similar to the celebrated "fish-meal" of Norway. Nowadays the packing of skinned and boned cod is a considerable industry, the fish being cut into small pieces, pressed into bricks, treated with an antiseptic powder to prevent decay, and put up in waxed paper and pasteboard boxes. In this connection it may be interesting to quote the statement of the fish commission that the world's annual product of dried codfish now amounts to about 600,000,000 pounds, cured weight—the equivalent of 2,000,000,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The business of preserving fishery products in this country embraces some curiosities. Along the shores of San Francisco bay in California, and at other points on the Pacific coast, there are camps of Chinamen whose occupation is the preparation of shrimps and other marine animals, chiefly for Asiatic markets. The shrimps, when received from fishing boats, are first boiled and then placed in heaps on great wooden platforms. When thoroughly dry, the Chinamen tread upon them with clean shoes or moccasins, so as to detach the shells from the "meats." The shells and other refuse are fanned off by throwing the shrimps up into the air, after which the meats are adapted in sacks, beaten, and finally passed through hand-sifters to remove all particles of shells and dust. From San Francisco the shrimps are sent mostly to China and Japan, though some are shipped to New York, Philadelphia and Chicago.

Squid, mostly for the Oriental trade, are dried by Chinamen on the coasts of California, being washed and spread out on slate-work platforms. On the Columbia river the sturgeon-eaters Celestians seek a certain fish product that is prized by nobody else, namely, the spinal marrow of the sturgeon. As soon as the fish are landed at the packing establishments, a Chinaman, using a hook, puts out enough of the marrow to give a good hold; then, seizing it, draws the remainder out hand-over-hand. In the average-sized sturgeon the spinal cord is four or five feet long, and consists of white connecting links, resembling sausages. This marrow is known by the Chinese and the trade under the name of "bone." If not sold to Chinamen in this country, it is exported to China, where it is much prized for making soups.

The fish commission experts say that the process of pickling fish with salt is very ancient. It was known to the Phoenicians on the Spanish coast, was employed by the Greeks to some extent, and was carried by the Romans to a high degree of perfection—especially in preserving sword fish from Sicily, tunny from Byzantium and Cadiz, mackerel from Spain and mullus from Exos. Brine-salting obtained its greatest development during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries among the Dutch, who preserved in this way the herring caught in the North sea. In the early part of the present century pickled shad was an important fishery product. It was a staple winter food for people living near shad streams, who laid in the fish by the barrelsful, and much of the product was shipped to distant markets. People living 50 miles or more inland came to the rivers to obtain their winter's supply of fish, bringing their products to barter, such as maple sugar, salt, cider and whiskey.

In New England the fish of the sword fish is most highly esteemed, and considerable quantities of it are pickled in brine. The "sword" is saved off the oil factory, and the fish is split down the belly to remove the viscera and backbone. Then the fish is cut into pieces of four or five pounds each, which are placed in butts with a heavy sprinkling of salt. The market for the product exists principally in the interior of New England, and especially in Connecticut, where many persons consider sword fish more palatable than salted mackerel.

Crab meat is put up on a great scale in the Chesapeake bay region, at Annapolis, Crisfield, Norfolk and other points. At the same time this product is sold at \$1 to \$1.50 per gallon, wholesale, and with each ten-gallon can half a bushel of empty crabshells are sent without extra charge. This exceptional liberality might well be suggested by the fact that the Potomac river and Bay of the Chesapeake are well-nigh paved with blue-clawed crabs, of the true variety prized by epicures, an average tesselation of one crab for each square yard of the fluvial and estuary waters in that region.

People in the United States do not appreciate oysters. Their appearance conveys a suggestion of snakes, and hence the popular prejudice. Nevertheless, it is realized by epicures that oysters are among the finest fishes in the world. In Europe there are a number of valuable oyster fisheries, the most celebrated of which is that of Comacchio, near Venice, where oysters are prepared for market by immersing them in brine, frying them in olive oil, and preserving them finally in jars of a special mixture.

John Smith, when he sailed up the Potomac—the first European to visit the settlements of Powhatan—found the natives engaged in fishing, and an important part of their business consisted in the drying of oysters, clams and fish for barter with inland tribes, which contributed furs and metals in exchange. They opened the clams and oysters by applying heat, afterwards exposing the "meats" of the mollusks to the sun, in order to desiccate them. It is a question whether they understood anything of the art of smoking by which the pyroigneous acid developed from the fumes of wood, especially hickory, invades and gives delicious flavor to the flesh of animals, whether fanny or quadruped.



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People who are too fresh are apt to get into pickle. E. E. Turner, Compton, Mo., was cured of piles by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve after suffering seventeen years and trying over twenty remedies. Physicians and surgeons endorse it. Beware of dangerous counterfeits. Chas. Rogers.

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LOST HAPPINESS! "Oh, when a mother meets on high The babe she lost in infancy, With she and then the spots and scars, The day of we, the wretched night, For all her sorrow, all her tears, An over-payment of delight!"

When a baby is taken away by the angel of death from its sorrowing mother she has some sense of consolation which is denied to the sad-hearted woman who has never been blessed with the joy of clinging little arms around her neck and a dear, tender little head nestling against her loving bosom. It is said and that, that motherhood is the most complete and perfect of womanly delights is denied no often to those most fitted by their loving nature to enjoy it.

It is impossible to avoid the feeling that kindly nature would not allow her own best purposes to be defeated, without some fault or short-coming on the part of the woman who longs to be a mother, and experience shows that in a large number of cases the difficulty lies in some unnatural weakness, which, by proper and reasonable means, is altogether remediable. It is so delicate and subtle a subject cannot be treated in any but a serious and at the same time a sensible spirit. It is purely a feeling of gratitude and a desire that other women like themselves shall be made happy and contented that prompted the writing of the following letters with the express permission that they be published here:

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